NOTICE

Maine Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with US DOT regulation 49 CFR Part 26, the Maine Department of Transportation has established a DBE Program for disadvantaged business participation in the federal-aid construction program; MaineDOT contracts covered by the program include consulting, construction, supplies, manufacturing, and service contracts.

For FFY 2008 (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008), MaineDOT has established a DBE participation goal of 4.5% to be achieved through race/gender neutral and race/gender conscious means.

Interested parties may view MaineDOT's DBE goal setting methodology for the next 30 days during normal business hours (8-4, M-F) at the Maine Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Office, 16 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0016. Appointments may be scheduled by telephone at (207) 624-3519. The goal setting methodology is also available for viewing on the MaineDOT website: http://www.maine.gov/mdot/disadvantaged-business-enterprises/dbe-home.php.

Public comment will be accepted for 45 days following the last date of publication. The public comment period will be complete on August 28th, 2007. The goal will be submitted for approval to the FHWA on August 1st, 2007 with an update based upon public comment sent to FHWA on August 30th.

Comments on the goal will be accepted for 45 days from the date of this notice. Written comments should be addressed to Holly Anderson, Maine Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Office, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016 or by e-mail at: holly.anderson@maine.gov.

Several interested stakeholders will be notified directly by e-mail of the goal publication, including Maine SBA, Associated Constructors of Maine, and ACEC, and Maine DBEs.

A conference call will be set up to receive comment from above notified agencies on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 2 pm through the Civil Rights Office.

To participate in the conference call, dial 1-888-529-0347 and enter the participant's code: 448567.